

REMARKS

In response to the Office Action mailed on April 27, 2005, Applicants provide the following remarks. In the Office Action, the Examiner has requested a restriction of examination to one of three patentably distinct species identified as follows:

1. Figure 1, drawn to a steering device having a single arm extending to a wheel carrier with a particular connection and an actuator positioned on the arm.
2. Figure 2, drawn to a steering device having a double arm extending to a wheel carrier with a particular connection and an actuator positioned on one of the arms.
3. Figure 3, drawn to a steering device having a single arm extending to a wheel carrier with a particular connection and an actuator positioned on the vehicle body.

Applicants respectfully elect Figure 3, which reads on claims 1-3 and 5.

In making this election of species, Applicants do not acquiesce to the Examiner's logic in requesting the above restriction. Furthermore, Applicants specifically traverse the Examiner's assertion that no claims are generic. Claim 1 is generic to all of the designated species. As such, upon allowance of claim 1, the required election of species is requested to be withdrawn. In addition, although the Examiner has utilized the figures in making the above species determinations, the content of the specification, including the figures, is not to be interpreted as limiting the claims.

Applicants respectfully request favorable consideration of all claims pending herein. The Examiner is encouraged to contact the Applicant's undersigned representative with any questions.

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